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Filed :	February 14, 2001	)
For :	NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO-ACID SEQUENCE CONTROLLING THE EXPRESSION OF A XYLANASE PROMOTER- OPERATOR NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE	)
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